

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: **White-tailed Hawk (*Geranoaetus albicaudatus*)**
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): **Two first year birds**
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: (parish) **Calcasieu Par**__
Specific Locality: **Lionel Derouen Rd between LA 27 and Fruge Rd**_____
4. Date(s) when observed: **23 Feb 2022**
5. Time(s) of day when observed: **between about 2:45pm**
6. Reporting observer and address: **Dan Lane, LSU Museum of Natural Science. Baton Rouge**
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): **George Nixon**
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): **Light overcast, but generally good light.**
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): **Zeiss 10x42 binocs, Swarovski 15-60x scope.**
11. Distance to bird(s): **about 150-250 yards**
12. Duration of observation: **about 5 min**
13. Habitat: **Pasture edge**
14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and

stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): One bird first noticed as it flew down to ground along treeline, where it was divebombed by a harrier, and then flew up to perch. At that point, we noticed a second bird farther down that treeline, and the first flew down to join it.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species): Largish Buteo-like hawks. Dark slaty above with pale hash mark behind eye giving them a somewhat "Peregrine"-like face. White blaze on chest, mottled pale underparts. Rump whitish, tail washed gray and faintly barred. Primaries extended beyond tail tip when perched.

16. Voice: None given

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Shape and slate coloration eliminate most regularly-occurring Buteos.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, see: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S103588335> and below

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive, mostly TX, Mexico, and South America. Seen at rest on several occasions in Louisiana as well.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): none

a. at time of observation:

b. after observation:

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____notes attached?); _____notes made after the observation (date:_____);
X memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes

23. Signature of reporter: ___Daniel Lane___ Date: ___3 March
2022_ Time: ___5:30pm_

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____ Yes _____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? ___ Yes _____

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